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1. Three battalions of 200 to 220 men each had fallen in in the yard of the Gneisenau Kaserne, Zerbst (M 52/D 98) on 10 March

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2. a. The barracks were occupied to capacity on 16 March 1950. Troops were also quartered in the garret of the main building on the street leading from Zerbst to Lindau airfield. Tank troops were quartered in the previous kommandatura buildings on Dessauerstrasse. The tank troops allegedly returned to Zerbst from Hosselau but found no room in the barracks.

- b. Six jacked-up AA guns were in the barracks yard. Truck

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Two T34 and one JS tanks were at the garages. Another JS tank moved about the barracks yard. Two platoons each with three mortars of about 100 mm caliber, were also seen in the barracks yard.

- c. Some personnel of the kommandatura were still in Zerbst.

3. a. On 27 March 1950 about 500 to 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets fell in in the yard of the Alte Kaserne on the Zerbst-Deetz road, obviously for roll call.

- b. Five trucks, one tank truck and two four-wheel armored reconnaissance cars were parked in the barracks yard.

- c. The following trucks [REDACTED] 25X1A

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